

AT STATE MEETING

# Educators Discuss Variety of Topics

When top lay leadership and top professionals in the field of education get together, what do they talk about? That question was answered Monday by a panel of Torrance school personnel and school board members who just returned from a state convention in San Francisco.

Topic of the December luncheon meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance was "Report of the California Association of School Administrators and the California School Board Association Conferences."

ACCORDING to the panel—which included Dr. Owen Griffith, William Hanson, Bert Lynn, Mrs. Pauline Watts, Dr. Donald Wilson, Dr. Robert Morton, and Dr. Albert Posner—items of interest to state school board members and educators range from "the new breed of teachers" to problems created by the Winton Act and the Fisher Law.

Among questions raised at the conference, Mrs. Watts pointed out, were whether or not the Winton Bill (which provides for teachers' representatives to meet and confer with school boards' representatives) should actually provide for negotiations and should contain grievance procedures.

"Teachers negotiations are 25 years behind industrial negotiations," board president Lynn commented. "Means and vehicles of communications between teachers and school boards must be opened."

HANSON reported that the Fisher Law (which requires teachers to major in a subject area rather than in teaching methods) has had two side effects. "The law has created an oversupply of high school social studies teachers and an undersupply of elementary school teachers," he stated. "In addition, because teachers major in subject matter, many have teaching deficiencies. Consequently, school districts end up teaching teach-

ers how to teach," he added. Dr. Wilson, who attended sessions conducted by the California Council on Education of Teachers, said the question raised at sessions of that particular council was to determine whether or not it wants to become an independent association.

THE USE of television tape by teachers to record actual teaching situations was discussed at sessions on in-service training of teachers attended by Dr. Posner. By filming themselves over closed circuit television and then playing back the film, teachers are able to view themselves and evaluate their own effectiveness, Dr. Posner stated. "The teacher can modify or change his methods until he is satisfied that he has improved his teaching and the learning of his students," he said.

The "new breed of teachers" as discussed by Dr. Glen Grant, director of placement at the University of California at Berkeley, includes graduates from each of five student subcultures, Dr. Morton reported.

THESE sub-cultures, described as being present on every college campus, include: the "professional" group, who know where they are going and are working hard to get there; the "fun and games" group, who are on campus to have a ball—and reflect their attitude in the grades they achieve; the "intellectuals," who are consumed by a drive for knowl-

edge; the "alienated" group, who have rejected society together with home and family values; and, lastly, the "political activists"—youngsters who were reared in affluent homes by liberal and permissive parents.

Following the panel discussion, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, called for updating district objectives "Putting things down in writing with too many details can make a school district out of date," he stated.

## Harbor Winners Announced

Top winners in the annual Redondo Beach King Harbor Christmas lighting contest have been announced by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the program.

Most beautiful awards were won by the "Sea Castle IV," owned by Richard Ustick (Port Royal Marina); "Sea Ester," owned by F. A. Moon (King Harbor Marina); and "Seven Bells," owned by W. B. Taylor (Portofino Marina). Gregg B. Mains' "Tubalcain" was awarded the Mayor's Trophy for the most effective use of lights and the

Congressman Cecil R. King away II," owned by Pat Folger, sailboats over 30 feet; and "Georgia B.," owned by J. N. Brady and G. R. Fithian, power boats over 30 feet.

THE CHAMBER of Commerce Trophy for the most humorous entry was won by Dudley Jones, owner of the "Fasching IV." Shirley Dillon, owner of "Manatee," won the City Manager's Trophy for the most spiritual entry.

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